





and even will to what he said: "I can to-night  
went on to say, "as the stars and wind are  
pitiless, make you hold direct communication  
anyone you like In Split-and. Now,  
like me well." When I leave you, you will take  
goblet and whisper to the yellow liquid the  
of whomsoever you wish to see, and the brother  
drink the liquid over the five goblets in the brazier,  
couch and wait for me there. Then, lie down on  
couch alone," my "bragadocio" certainly by  
derated, but I felt bound for very shame's  
to go through with mummeries, come  
might. I took up the goblet and began  
thank which of my defunct relations I  
for like to see, and could not make up my  
id for a considerable time. I wavered  
between John Charkins, my grandfather on my  
mother's side, and Mark Antony Jones, my grand-  
father on my mother's. I was like to show  
my favour to one than the other. At last, a  
operation, and perhaps wishing to see one of  
wife's distinguished ancestors, of whom she  
ways bragging, I was going to whisper Mark  
Antony Jones, when suddenly a happy thought  
came. "Why not see the great Mark Antony  
himself?" I whispered, not Mark Antony, but  
some mysterious psychic mistake, Cleopatra,  
and then I poured half of the liquid over the  
goblets, and immediately a blue flame leaped  
from them, and a whirling aromatic vapour  
and living vapour permeated the room, and I  
began to feel my senses away. Staggering  
and the sound I raised the goblet to my lips  
and drank it. I tasted like mistletoe. In a  
seconds all was blank. Then suddenly I  
awoke and found myself in a beautiful garden,  
looking at the most beautiful warthy woman  
ever. Decent dress of white, with a  
of whom I felt that I had dreamed. By her side stood  
a woman of Italian type, who suggested a "the  
Romans." She wore a suit which looked  
differently like what we call *trajfamas* (I don't  
know the name), and a red nose, and looked  
directly like the Countess, and I felt myself  
in my life. I was so perfectly happy, I may  
as well say, that I forgot to ask her name.  
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"Or your ideas on modern warfare, I don't particular, I assure you."

"I lied of course. I am not a pressman—God forbid!"

"Oh I see. It is de vashion now to be interviewed, and I always like to follow de vashion. But what let us have some refreshment."

He clapped his hands, and immediately an Asiatic Ser entered and placed a bottle of wine on the table. He placed Cleopatra's very close to him. Then he placed a bottle of crystal by us and opened a "bottle" of wine nectar. "Me wantchee Ten dollar," he said.

"Ten dollars!" I replied looking at Mark Antony.

"You pay?" he asked. And I paid.

"Now, sir," said I, taking out my pocket book and pencil and writing at Cleopatra, who smiled sweetly back. "What are your ideas?"

"I don't drink much of your navy an' less of your army," he replied.

"But sir," said I, waxing eloquent as the hector fired my brain, "now let me tell you my opinion of your wars. I am a modern man, sir, a Hongkong broker, sir, and—never mind what I am."

He laughed.

"Your own times?" I continued loudly, not going to be laughed down by a fossil. "I were fearful times of furious enthusiasm, dark despair and the fearful cruelties. Tell me to me of individual valour, power, fortitude and endurance. Stop! I won't not all laws, human and divine, held in abeyance in your wars? Did not vice stalk along even in the market place? Did not the devouring hounds, murder and rapine, rage through the length and breadth of beautiful countries for years? Yea, Heaven's best gifts, the crops, were trampled in the dust, or rotted on the ground. On gentle women mail was levied by the lust of profligate men! The balmy Zephyr was converted into the sickening blast of the charnel house! Human purity addled the soil, contaminated the rivers and bred fell disease! Pestilence and famine stalked through the war-stricken lands with gigantic strides."

Here, strangely enough, Cleopatra, who was much affected by my eloquence, placed her hand in mine and whispered huskily that I was a dear good thing and that she was quite "mashed" on me. What could I do but—I am not a bore—but order another bottle, place my arm around her waist and give her a hug, which she seemed to enjoy immensely. Surely it was no harm to pay a little mild attention to a spirit-being. Even for a married man. Mark Antony gazed at me fondly, so I suddenly removed my arm and continued:

"Now all is changed, thanks to Roger Bacon! Ah! little did the lowly humble monk think, as he sat examining the explosive powder he had obtained by mixing a little charred wood, sulphur and saltpetre—"

"Grand!" whispered Cleopatra, "I thought you were going to say—mix more water with his drinks."

"Ah! little did he imagine," I continued, oratorically, that the innocuous-looking dark dust in his hand would constitute the most powerful agent of destruction, by and bye! He heard not its dusky rumbling and saw not its writing the law of liberty, nor—like as the Mosaic law—were written on Mount Sinai, amidst fire and thunder."

"Stop dad!" cried Mark Antony, "and take your arm from around dot lady's waist." He was evidently very jealous. "Derink have gone to your head, young man. If you talk of England, you talk bosh! England is gone to de dogs long ago."

"You lie, you old red-nosed beer-guzzling antediluvian!" I cried, fiercely exalted—in parliamentary parlance. "Never as long as a Hongkong broker has a shilling in his pocket and a drop of blood in his veins shall any fellow or sniggering son of Swabia trample on the great and glorious land of England. Rule Britannia—Britannia rules the—"

Mark Antony arose with the fire of wrath shooting from his eyes, and with a sudden sinking feeling in my epigastrium, I saw I had, metaphorically, put my foot in it: "Hay-bow Fritz," he shouted, and in rushed a rope-yarn-haired athlete the size of Hercules. "I myself am a small man. The two seized me and chucked me down stairs, and I felt myself falling—falling—falling—until at last consciousness forsook me. How long I remained insensible, I don't know, it may have been a year, or more, or less. When at last I came to, I opened my eyes, expecting to find myself in Hades, but I found myself in the visitors' room of my own house, in bed, feeling sore all over, and with a splitting headache. I had all my clothes on, even my boots. I at once thought that it was early morning by the sun shining directly through the bedroom window that looked to the East. I was puzzled! And more puzzled still when having summoned my boy and interrogated him, he informed me that he had sat up for me all the previous night, but he had failed to see me enter. I may add that this boy is very truthful, except when it is much added. At breakfast I spoke to my wife about my strange experience, but strangely she treated me with a cold contemptuous silence, and what is more, since then she has treated her pet dogs of the poodle species more kindly. I have looked for Fiddle Street but failed to find it. I have met Mystus frequently since too, and tried to speak to him on the subject, but he invariably gives me the cold shoulder now, and mutters "cad!" Why, I know not, I have thought much over the occurrence, so much so that of late of a morning my head feels like an eight-ton gun's shell on the point of bursting—except that it would feel like it if it were conscious—but all to no purpose; I cannot understand it. Reader, what do you think? Is this account worth sending to the *Psychical Research Society*?"

"I can't say we say words accurately. Of course I want never they are exactly what I said."

## THE SMITH FAMILY.

How many Smiths are there in England? It is impossible to answer this question with precision, but there are data from which an approximately correct idea may be obtained. The Registrar General tells us that in 1856 it was possible to estimate, from certain records in his keeping, that there were then living in England and Wales about 253,000 Smiths, or one in every seventy-three persons composing the entire population. Supposing that this estimate was correct, and that the same proportion has since been maintained, the statement may fairly be made that there are now about 355,814, or over one-third of a million Smiths in England and Wales. It is not quite easy to realize at once what an enormous number of persons this figure represents. A few simple illustrations may serve to make the matter clearer. For instance, there are more Smiths in England and Wales than there are people in Dublin—indeed, excluding London, there are only four towns in the United Kingdom—namely, Glasgow, Liverpool, and Manchester—containing more people than there are Smiths, while twenty-six out of the fifty-two counties of England and Wales, or one-half, have fewer people than the immortal house of Smith has representatives. If it is on record, how that the average of 253,000 Smiths in 1856, and that the average of 355,814 in 1888, the increase of 102,814 in the number of Smiths in England and Wales during the thirty-two years, is a very interesting fact.

to every seventy-three persons composing the population, still the Joneses run them very close, there being one in every seventy-six persons. Next in order on the list, according to officially compiled statistics, come Messrs. Williams, Taylor, Davis and Brown. Mr. Robinson, who is commonly associated with Messrs. Brown and Jones, stands eleventh on the list in respect of his relative numerical strength.

It is in the English language alone, however, that the name may be said to have an undistinguished look. The German Schmidt and the Dutch Smid are closely allied to our own form, but in Gaelic it becomes, as all readers of the *Fair Maid of Perth* must remember, Gow. It is in the French and Cypriot tongues, however, that Smith receives its most splendid transformation, for in the former it becomes *Lefevre*, and in the latter *Peulengro*.—*Chamber's Journal*.

## EVOLUTION OF WAR.

TACTICS CHANGED BY THE GREAT RANGE OF MODERN RIFLES.

In consequence of the greater range and power of modern artillery and musketry fire, a memorandum upon the formation of infantry for the attack has lately been issued by the British War Office. Troops allotted for the attack will, in the future, be divided into three lines, the first line, subdivided into firing line, supports and reserves, engages the enemy, and is intended eventually to establish itself within charging distance of his position. The duties of the firing line are to keep up a well-directed fire upon the enemy from the moment such fire becomes effective; to push forward as near his position as possible; and thence to deliver such a heavy fire as will enable the second line to approach the point selected for attack, and drive him from it. The supports and the reserves keep the firing line at its most efficient strength by filling the gaps caused by the casualties; protect its flanks by the firing they can bring to bear upon any troops which threaten them; encourage those engaged in front by the feeling that there is a body of comrades following to assist them. As the final stage is reached the support and reserves become absorbed in the extended line. During the advance all serious flank attacks must be met by the reserves who will also find any troops that may be required for the long-range fire. The second line assaults the position when its way is prepared through the losses inflicted on the enemy by the first line. The third line either confirms the success, or covers the retreat of the first and second lines, and so prevents defeat becoming disaster. In the final stage of the attack, as the firing line nears the enemy's position and cannot advance further without unnecessary exposure, a convenient position should be selected whence a telling fire may be brought to bear upon the points of the enemy's position selected for attack. Should the reserve be still in the rear, it should now join the front line so as to bring its fire up to the maximum of effect. The second line, well kept in hand, should now be led up to the firing line opposite the selected points of the hostile line, where, from the concentrated fire of the artillery and the firing line, the defenders must have suffered most. On reaching the firing line the second line will double through it with cheers, carrying the position at the point of the bayonet, the drums beating and the bugles playing. The firing line will follow close in the rear. The third line, formed in the most convenient manner according to local circumstances, will work forward, ready to support an attack, to meet the enemy's reserves if a serious counter attack is made when the assault is delivered, and subsequently to confirm the success of the attack by opening a heavy fire upon the enemy as he retreats, or by the mere occupation of the captured position.

Col. Slade, Vice-President of the Small Arms Committee, says that, for the defence, "if the men be steady fire might well be opened at 2200 yards."

FOOD FOR CONSUMPTIVES.—Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda is a most wonderful food for the Consumptive. It not only gives strength and increases the flesh, but heals the irritation of the throat and lungs. It is very palatable; children take it like milk, and in all wasting diseases both for adults and children it is a marvellous food and medicine. Any Chemist can supply it.—A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), agents in Hongkong and China.—*Advt.*

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AL FRESCO FETE I  
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TO BE HELD ON  
FRIDAY  
AND  
SATURDAY.  
the 28th and 29th December, 1888.

STALLS FOR THE SALE OF MAGNIFICENT EMBROIDERIES AND RARE CURIOS.

WONDERFUL STRUTTING PHOENIX NEWLY CAPTURED.

TROUPE OF CHINESE TUMBLERS.  
GRILL ROOM.  
Under the Personal Superintendence of Mr. THOMAS.

GRAND SURGICAL EXHIBITION,  
under direction of a Local Medical Celebrity.

SPORTING LION.  
BRILLIANT ILLUMINATIONS.  
Thousands of Lanterns.

MILITARY BAND.  
(By kind Permission of Colonel Anderson and the Officers of the 5th Regt.)

CHINESE FAIR-BAND.  
SPECIAL COMPANY OF CHINESE ACTORS.

FINE ART EXHIBITION,  
under the Direction of the Lord Chancellor and Lord O'Connell.

MAGNIFICENT AND UNIQUE COLLECTION!  
GATES TO OPEN AT 5.30 P.M.

ENTRANCES.—All the Garden Gates (except that in Garden Road next to Kennedy Road (Nullah), which thoroughfare will be CLOSED on both nights of the Fete).

PRICE OF ADMISSION  
ONE DOLLAR (10) EACH DAY.

3000 Children, Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform, and including the 5th Regt. of the 1st Division, will be on view on FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

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AT BOWRINGTON.

OPEN EVERY NIGHT,  
At 8, commencing at 9 sharp.

SATURDAYS 2 PERFORMANCES,  
Doors open at 3, and commences at 3.30 P.M.

TO-NIGHT,  
24th December, 1888.

ANOTHER BRILLIANT CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

NEW EQUESTRIAN SCENES  
NEW SENSATIONAL ACTS.  
NEW HORSES EDUCATED IN BOTH SCHOOLS.

NEW COMIC AND LAUGHABLE SCENES.

TO-NIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME—  
MILLY LE BLONDE HARMSTON, the dashing and First Class Equestrienne, will appear as the "ENGLISH BOUNDING JOCKEY" leaping from the ground upon the Horse's back without the assistance of the hands. She is acknowledged "PAR EXCELLENCE" to be superior to any Lady Rider in this particular act.

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Mr. GEORGE HARMSTON will carry upon a Barchessed Horse and in different attitudes the Youngest Equestrienne, Miss CHARLOTTE ROWLAND.

TO-NIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME—  
The side splitting scene of the MONKEY RACES.  
by Lampon Monkeys riding on Cosmopolitan Ponies.

TO-NIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME—  
THE FRANKS IN AN ENGLISH SCHOOL  
or  
LES ENFANTS TERRIBLES  
by all the Company, introducing Comic Dance by the Girls and Boys.

A.B.—ON BOXING DAY 2 PERFORMANCES for the Amusement of Children and Families who cannot come at night.

Doors open at 3 and 8 P.M.; play commences at 3.30 and 9 sharp.

GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES!!!  
Boxes with 6 Chairs.....\$9.00  
Single Chairs in Boxes.....1.50  
Dress Circle Chairs.....1.00  
Carpet Seats.....0.50  
Gallery.....0.30

Children and Soldiers in uniform in the Gallery 20 Cents. To all other parts of the house Half Price.

L. MAYA, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [1322]

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), and WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 25th and 26th December.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents,  
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED,  
General Managers,  
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.  
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Secretary,  
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.  
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Agent,  
NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,  
W. H. RAY,  
Secretary,  
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.  
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CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
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Agents,  
YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LTD.  
JAS. B. COUGHTRY,  
Secretary,  
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents,  
SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
JOHN ANDREW,  
Agent,  
THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.  
THE STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [1326]

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN & CURIOS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on  
SATURDAY,  
the 29th December, 1888, at 2 P.M., at his Sale Rooms, Duddell Street,  
A VERY FINE COLLECTION OF  
OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN & CURIOS,  
JUST RECEIVED FROM PEKIN,  
and comprising—  
OLD CHINESE VASES, JARS, BASINS, PLATES, &c.; in Five Colours, Blue and White, Imperial Yellow, Black, Sang de Boeuf, &c.; of the MING DYNASTY and REIGN OF EMPERORS KANGHI, YUNG-CHING, K'ien-LO, &c.  
A FINE LOT OF PEKIN OLD SILK EMBROIDERIES and TABLEAUX.  
OLD SOOCHOW LACQUER, IVORY and WOOD CARVINGS, PEKIN CLOISONNE, AGATE, CRISTAL and JADE CURIOS, PEKIN SNUFF BOTTLES, &c.  
OLD PORCELAIN SCREENS in Five Colours and White and Blue, HAWTHORN JARS, &c.  
CATALOGUES will be issued prior to Sale, and the above will be on view on FRIDAY NEXT.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.  
G. R. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer,  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [1321]

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.

DIRECTORS..... { Mr. P. W. WILLARD.  
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EOTHEN MARK LODGE  
OF HONGKONG, No. 264.

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [1312]

FOR SHANGHAI.  
THE Steamship  
"PEKING,"  
Captain C. Heuermann, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously notified.  
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FOR SINGAPORE AND SOERABAYA.  
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Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [1330]

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VERNON CHATFIELD,  
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H. E. WODEHOUSE,  
Acting Treasurer,  
Treasury,  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. [1330]

THE following is published for the information of Tradersmen who may supply the Messrs. The Officers of the 1st Bat. Arg. and (Sth) Highlanders, are NOT RESPONSIBLE for DEBTS incurred by or on behalf of the Messrs, nor will they be Responsible for any loss incurred by the Messrs, or other persons, without the Written Authority of the President of the Mess, or Commanding Officer.

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## Intimations.

NOTICE.  
THE PRESIDENT of the OFFICERS MESS, and BAT-NORTHAMPTON REGIMENT requests that all tradesmen's BILLS AGAINST the MESS may be closed to and for the 26th inst. and rendered on that date.  
Hongkong, 20th December, 1888. [1309]

THE SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances 1885 to 1886 of Hongkong, whereby the liability of members is limited to the amount of their shares.

CAPITAL.....1,000,000 TAELS  
DIVIDED INTO 20,000 SHARES OF 50 TAELS EACH

With power to increase, of which 1,000 Shares are to be issued paid-up in part payment of purchase-money, 6,000 Shares have been subscribed for and will be allotted, 5,000 Shares are reserved for subscription in London, and 3,000 Shares are now offered for public subscription in China, Hongkong and Japan, payable as follows—5 Taels on application, 5 Taels on allotment, 10 Taels on the 18th of March 1889, and 10 Taels on the 1st of July 1889. It is not anticipated that any further calls will be required.



## Commercial.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—159 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, sellers.  
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$75 per share, buyers.  
 North China Insurance—Tls. 290 per share, buyers.  
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.  
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 97 per share, buyers.  
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.  
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.  
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$340 per share, buyers.  
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$78 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 40 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$225 per share, sellers.  
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—175 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.  
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—17 per cent. dis., sellers.  
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$65 per share, buyers.  
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$196 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Luson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$90 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$102 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.  
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$124 per share, sellers.  
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—B—21 per cent. premium, loaners.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886—E—11 per cent. premium.  
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$79 per share, sellers.  
 Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.  
 Puzos and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$81 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—77 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.  
 Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—110 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.  
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—275 per cent. premium, nominal.  
 The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$60 per share, buyers.  
 The Seng Lee Planting Co., Ltd.—\$39 per share, sellers.  
 Cruickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, sales and sellers.  
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—20 per cent. dis., sellers.  
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. dis., nominal.  
 The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.—\$55 per share premium, buyers.

## EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. .... 3/0  
 Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/0  
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 3/0  
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/1  
 Credits at 4 months' sight ..... 3/1  
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/1  
 ON PARIS.—  
 Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/6  
 Credits at 4 months' sight ..... 3/4  
 ON INDIA, T. T. .... 223  
 ON SHANGHAI.—  
 Bank, T. T. .... 711  
 Private, 30 days' sight ..... 721

## OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul ..... \$560  
 (Allowance, Tels. 60)  
 OLD MALWA, per picul ..... \$580  
 (Allowance, Tels. 88)  
 NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest ..... \$567  
 NEW PATNA, (bottom choice) per chest ..... \$577  
 NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest ..... \$565  
 NEW BENARES, (without choice) per chest ..... \$560  
 NEW BENARES, (bottom choice) per chest ..... \$550  
 NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$540  
 OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul ..... \$500  
 OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul ..... \$475

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Register).  
 Barometer—9 a.m. .... 30.18  
 Barometer—1 p.m. .... 30.18  
 Barometer—4 p.m. .... 30.18  
 Thermometer—9 a.m. .... 64  
 Thermometer—1 p.m. .... 64  
 Thermometer—4 p.m. .... 64  
 Thermometer—9 a.m. (Wet bulb) .... 59  
 Thermometer—1 p.m. (Wet bulb) .... 59  
 Thermometer—4 p.m. (Wet bulb) .... 59  
 Thermometer—Maximum (over night) .... 64  
 Thermometer—Minimum (over night) .... 59

## MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Sutlej*, with the next English mail, left Singapore at 9 p.m., on the 19th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 26th.  
 THE GERMAN MAIL.  
 The Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Bayern*, carrying the German mails, with dates from Berlin of the 27th ultimo, left Singapore on the 21st instant, at 11 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 26th.  
 THE AMERICAN MAIL.  
 The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, with the American mail of the 21st ultimo, left Yokohama for this port on the 21st instant, and may be expected here on or about the 27th.  
 THE INDIAN MAIL.  
 The steamer *Yogan* from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 23rd instant for this port, and is expected here on the 30th.  
 THE CANADIAN MAIL.  
 The Canadian Pacific steamer *Albatross*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver for Hongkong on the 4th instant.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The steamer *Strathleven*, from Kobe, is expected here on the 24th.  
 The steamer *Glenearn*, from London, is expected here on the 25th.  
 The steamer *Diomed*, from London, is expected here on the 25th.  
 The steamer *Bengioe*, from London, is expected here on the 25th.  
 The steamer *Telemachus*, from London, is expected here on the 25th.  
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 The steamer *Calcutta*, from London, is expected here on the 25th.  
 The steamer *Genoa*, from London, is expected here on the 25th.  
 The steamer *Vancouver*, from London, is expected here on the 25th.

## Shipping.

## ARRIVALS.

HIMALAYA, British troopship, Captain John E. Stokes, 22nd (December)—Portsmouth 3rd November.  
 PEKING, German steamer, 958, G. Heuermann, 22nd Dec.—Whampoa 22nd Dec, General.  
 YIKSANO, British steamer, 886, Moncur, 23rd Dec.—Whampoa 23rd Dec, General.  
 ALWINE, German steamer, 400, Samuelson, 23rd Dec.—Pakhoi 18th Dec, Holbow 21st Dec, Macao 23rd Dec, General.—Wielor & Co.  
 FOOKSANO, British steamer, 901, W. E. Saver, 23rd Dec.—Shanghai 19th Dec, and Swatow 22nd Dec, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 NANZING, British steamer, 808, R. Talbot, 23rd Dec.—Manila 20th Dec, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, N. C. Revaebek, 23rd Dec.—Pakhoi 20th Dec, and Holbow 22nd Dec, General.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.  
 IRAOUADY, French steamer, A. Biele, 24th Dec.—Shanghai 22nd Dec, Mails and General.—Messageries Maritimes.  
 COLOMA, American bark, 872, C. M. Wages, 24th Dec.—Portland (Oregon) 2nd Nov, Lumber and Spars.—Captain.  
 VORWARTS, German steamer, 607, Bruhn, 24th Dec.—Touzon 21st Dec, General.—Wielor & Co.  
 ALACRITY, British despatch-vessel, 1,700 tons, 3,180 horse-power, 4 guns, Captain R. Blair Macdonald, 22nd Dec.—Fochow 21st December.

## DEPARTURES.

December 22, *Taihoi*, British steamer, for Swatow.  
 December 23, *Agamemnon*, British steamer, for Singapore.  
 December 23, *Anchises*, British steamer, for Singapore.  
 December 23, *Cassandra*, German steamer, for Hamburg.  
 December 23, *Duburg*, German str., for Saigon.  
 December 23, *Hailong*, British steamer, for Swatow &c.  
 December 23, *Prussien*, German steamer, for Shanghai &c.  
 December 24, *Nirudda*, British steamer, for Amoy.  
 December 24, *Kuangsang*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

## PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Activ*, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—2 Europeans and 28 Chinese.  
 Per *Nansing*, str., from Manila.—Mr. Dunlop, and 180 Chinese.  
 Per *Fooking*, str., from Shanghai, &c.—100 Chinese.  
 Per *Alwina*, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—12 Chinese.  
 Per *Iradaudy*, str., from Shanghai for Hongkong.—Mrs. J. Bell-irving, Mrs. Oliver and child, Mrs. May, Messrs. J. MacGregor, H. Norman, W. MacLean, W. B. Jamieson, V. T. Senna, and 1 Chinese. From Yokohama & Mr. Soudouki. From Shanghai for Saigon.—Mr. Biaggio. For Singapore.—Mr. and Mrs. Rogen-dorf, Dr. and Mrs. Elderton, and Mr. W. Jackson. For Marseilles.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Tallieu. Messrs. C. A. Butler, H. Fues, and Desclous. From Yokohama.—Mr. Hino, General Horie, Messrs. Fuyimura, Watanabe, Ed. Flournoy, and R. Chapard. From Kobe for Singapore.—Mrs. Olay Becker and Mr. Mori Chiro.  
 Per *Coloma*, bark, from Portland (Oregon).—Mrs. J. V. Crighton and daughter, Mrs. S. Gould, Messrs. A. Vantine, C. Lonsard, C. Brown, Strawbridge, and 200 Chinese.  
 Per *Alacrity*, despatch-vessel, from Fochow.—Admiral Salmon, V.C., K.C.B., Lady Salmon, and Miss Salmon.  
 Per *Hailong*, str., for Swatow.—3 Europeans and 50 Chinese.  
 Per *Activ*, str., for Singapore.—2 Europeans and 21 Chinese.  
 Per *Duburg*, str., for Saigon.—20 Chinese.  
 Per *Nirudda*, str., for Amoy.—20 Chinese.  
 Per *Orus*, str., from Hongkong for Shanghai.—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Collins, Miss Nathalie Chinnelato, Messrs. R. J. Davies, V. Nielsen, W. H. Wickham, and R. Botelho. For Yokohama.—Baron de Graaf and servant. From Marseilles for Shanghai.—Rev. Semprini, Messrs. Guizandi, Maggiori, and Depon. From Singapore.—Mr. and Mrs. Warem, Messrs. Hart and Wagner. From Marseilles for Kobe.—Mr. Hawarth. From Singapore.—Messrs. Yion, Janopand Kessad. From Marseilles for Yokohama.—Mr. and Mrs. Cannahill, Messrs. Lavany and C. de Hinnidai. From Calcutta.—Major. Byakke and Mr. Ramsdell. From Colombo.—Mr. Raap. From Singapore.—Messrs. Koomorah and Kaniakam. From Saigon.—Messrs. Hanadi and Yokichi.  
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## REPORTS.

The British steamer *Nansing* reports that she left Manila on the 20th instant. Had strong monsoon and high sea to port.  
 The British steamer *Fooking* reports that she left Shanghai on the 23rd instant. Had strong north-east wind and thick rain; weather with heavy sea to Chapel Point, when weather cleared up. Left Swatow on the 22nd. Had light north wind and fine clear weather to port.

## Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE  
 For Europe, &c. Australia, Madras, Calcutta, and Mauritius.—Per *Iradaudy*, on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 11.00 A.M.  
 For Hongkong.—Per *Clara*, on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at noon.  
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui.—Per *Fooking*, on Wednesday, the 26th instant, at noon.  
 For Bangkok.—Per *Prussien*, on Thursday, the 27th instant, at noon.  
 For Shanghai.—Per *Iradaudy*, on Thursday, the 27th instant, at noon.  
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For Shanghai.—Per *Peking*, on Friday, the 28th instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
 For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Stura*, on Saturday the 29th instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
 For Yokohama and San Francisco.—Per *City of Sydney*, on Saturday, the 29th instant, at 0.30 P.M.  
 For Europe, &c.—Per *Peshawur*, on Wednesday the 2nd January, at 11.00 A.M.  
 For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Varona*, on Saturday, the 5th January, at 5.00 P.M.

## SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

ABYSSINIA, British steamer, 3,500, Geo. A. Lee, 12th Dec.—Vancouver 13th Nov, and Nagasaki 8th Dec, General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
 ANTONIO, British steamer, 1,214, J. Wallace, 17th Dec.—Kobe 10th Dec, General.—Russell & Co.  
 CARISBROOK, British steamer, 973, R. Cass, 18th Dec.—Saigon 12th Dec, General.—Morris and Ray.  
 CHINGTO, British steamer, 1,500, Hunt, 3rd Dec.—Sydney via Tientsin, 23rd October, Sugar.—Butterfield & Swire.  
 CICKRO, British steamer, 1,050, A. George, 21st Dec.—Samarang 9th Dec, Sugar and Oil.—Chinese.  
 CITY OF SYDNEY, American steamer, 3,016, D. E. Friele, 18th Dec.—San Francisco 17th Nov, and Yokohama 12th Dec, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.  
 CLARA, German steamer, 674, Christensen, 21st Dec.—Haiphong 17th December, Rice.—Stemmen & Co.  
 ESMERALDA, British str., 130, H. T. Williams, 1st Dec.—Marianas 8th Dec, General.—Order.  
 FAME, British steamer, 117, A. Stopani.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
 FOKIEN, British steamer, 509, J. Lewis, 22nd Dec.—Tamsui 18th December, Amoy 19th, and Swatow 21st, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.  
 GENERAL WARDER, German steamer, 1,820, W. von Schuckmann, 21st Dec.—Yokohama 12th Dec, Kobe 15th, and Nagasaki 17th, General.—Melchers & Co.  
 MARIE, German steamer, 704, Hundewadt, 21st Dec.—Haiphong 19th Dec, Rice.—A. R. Marty.  
 METAFEDIA, British steamer, 1,454, J. B. Purvis, 16th Dec.—Nagasaki 12th Dec, Coal.—Takasima Colliery Co.  
 MONGKUT, British steamer, 860, Geo. Anderson, 21st Dec.—Bangkok 12th Dec, Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.  
 PRUQUOC, French steamer, 183, Robis, 17th Dec.—Touzon 11th December, Coal.—Wing Tay.  
 PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
 STURA, Italian steamer, 1,416, L. Cabara, 13th Dec.—Singapore 5th Dec, General.—Carlowitz & Co.  
 TRIUMPH, German steamer, 677, P. Moos, 22nd Dec.—Haiphong 19th Dec, and Holbow 21st, General.—Wielor & Co.  
 YEHSHIN, Chinese steamer, 734, Buchanan, 18th Dec.—Shanghai 15th Dec, Kerosine Oil.—C. M. S. N. Co.

SAILING VESSELS.  
 ALTAIR, British bark, 399, T. Munro, 1st Dec.—Newchwang via Amoy 28th Nov, Beans and Melon Seed.—Order.  
 AMY TUNG, American bark, 950, Chas. A. Johnson, 16th Dec.—Honolulu 15th Nov, Petroleum.—Order.  
 ARCADIA, British bark, 417, D. S. Eward, 25th Nov.—Whampoa 24th Nov, General.—Wielor & Co.  
 AUGUSTA, German bark, 473, Jensen, 5th Dec.—Hilo 18th Nov, Sanpanwood.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.  
 BYLOIA, German bark, 333, P. Weiss, 16th Dec.—Amoy 14th Dec, General.—Wielor & Co.  
 DANIEL BARNES, American ship, 1,436, J. G. Stover, 17th Dec.—Honolulu 12th Nov, Ballast.—Order.  
 EARN, British bark, 311, Anderson, 17th Dec.—Amoy 15th December, General.—Chinese.  
 ERKONEN, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination bulk, Stonecutters' Island.—Chinese Customs.  
 JOHN NICHOLSON, British steamer, 685, W. Quine, 18th Dec.—Honolulu 16th Nov, Ballast.—Captain.  
 MERCUR, British brigantine, 249, Dick, 12th Dec.—Amoy 11th Dec, General.—Order.  
 RAPHAEL, American ship 1,465, E. W. Harkness, 30th Oct.—Nagasaki 28th Oct, Coal.—Order.  
 TARAPAK, British bark, 492, H. Kennett, 6th Dec.—Sandakan 24th October, Timber.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
 VELOCITY, British bark, 491, R. Martin, 14th Nov.—Honolulu 3rd October, Old Iron.—Chinese.  
 WAKEFIELD, American bark, 842, W. S. Crowell, 12th Nov.—Amoy 10th Nov, Ballast.—Stemmen & Co.

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

A SECRETARY IS WANTED for the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.  
 Applications to be addressed to the CHAIRMAN, on an early date.  
 —Hongkong, 20th December, 1888. [1307]

ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD.  
 CONDUCTED BY THE CANOSSIAN SISTERS OF CHARITY.

THIS SEMINARY, established in 1863, affords to parents residing in Hongkong and adjacent Ports an opportunity of obtaining for their daughters a liberal education. The utmost attention is paid by the Sisters to the health and comfort of the Pupils. Special care is taken the Motherless Girls.  
 The moral conduct of the young Ladies is watched over with the strictest attention, and while every effort is made to expand and adorn the mind, the heart is trained to virtue.  
 The course of education embraces Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, History, Geography, also Plain and Fancy Needle Work and Embroidery.

Per month.  
 For Boarders ..... \$10.00  
 Day Scholars ..... 3.00  
 EXTRA CHARGES.  
 Music ..... 4.00  
 Singing ..... 4.00  
 Drawing ..... 2.00  
 French ..... 2.00  
 German ..... 2.00  
 Italian ..... 2.00  
 Spanish ..... 2.00  
 For further information and admission of pupils, application should be made and letters addressed—  
 To the LADY SUPERIORESS, ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, HONGKONG.  
 School closes on 31st December 1888.  
 School re-opens on 1st January 1889.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS	FROM	DATE DUE	AGENTS
Strathleven	Kobe	December 24th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Glenearn	London	December 24th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Sutlej	London	December 25th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Diomed	Liverpool	December 25th	Butterfield & Swire.
Bengioe	Singapore	December 25th	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Bayern	Bremen	December 26th	Melchers & Co.
Telemachus	Liverpool	December 27th	Butterfield & Swire.
Oceanic	San Francisco	December 28th	O. & O. S. S. Co.
Calcutta	Calcutta	December 30th	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Genoa	Genoa	December 31st	Carlowitz & Co.
Vancouver	Vancouver	January 1st	Adamson, Bell & Co.

## STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION	VESSELS	AGENTS	DATE OF LEAVING
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Peshawur	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 2nd, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Sarpedon	Butterfield & Swire.	December 30th.
London, via Suez Canal	Opacak	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	January 2nd.
London, via Suez Canal	Glenarney	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	January 2nd.
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Iraoudy	Messageries Maritimes.	Dec. 26th, at noon.
Paris	Paris	A. R. Marty	About Dec. 28th.
Bremen, via Bombay, &c.	Stura	Melchers & Co.	Jan. 20th, at 10 a.m.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.	Lennox	Carlowitz & Co.	About Dec. 29, noon.
Sau Francisco, via Yama	City of Sydney	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	About Dec. 26th.
Vancouver, H.C., via K. &c.	Oceanic	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Dec. 29th, at 1 p.m.
Port Darwin, &c.	Chingto	Butterfield & Swire.	Jan. 8th, at 1 p.m.
Singapore and Sourabaya	Tataro	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 10th, at 3 p.m.
Yokohama, via Nanki, &c.	Verona	Butterfield & Swire.	Dec. 30th, daylight.
Yokohama, Kobe, &c.	General Werder	Melchers & Co.	Jan. 1st, at 4 p.m.
Kobe and Yokohama	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Dec. 28th, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Butterfield & Swire.	About Dec. 26th.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Butterfield & Swire.	Adamson, Bell & Co.	About Dec. 25th.
Shanghai	Stemmen & Co.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	December 27th.
Haiphong	Lun Shing On	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 28th, at 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy, &c.	Fokien		Quick despatch.
			December 27th.
			Dec. 27th, daylight.

## Intimations.

W. POWELL & CO.  
 EX S.S. "PESHAWUR."

## FURTHER SUPPLIES

## OF NEW GOODS

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Victoria Exchange, Hongkong, 18th December, 1888.

## INTIMATION.

## F. Blackhead &amp; Co.,

## SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS.

## AND

## PROVISION MERCHANTS

## NAVY CONTRACTORS.

## AND

## GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS

## No. 11, Praya Central.

## (Opposite Pedder's Wharf).

## SOLE AGENTS

## for

## RAHTJEN'S

## GENUINE

## COMPOSITION

## FOR

## THE BOTTOMS OF IRON SHIPS

## CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS

## PRESERVATIVE AGAINST

## ROTTING, DECAY, &amp;c., OF WOOD.

## CHR. MOTZ &amp; Co., BORDEAUX, CLARETS.

## IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE,

## LA GRANDE MARQUE.

## FLENSBURG STOCKBEER,

## ENGINEERS AND BLACKSMITHS' TOOLS

## AND EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S

## STORES AND REQUISITES

## ALWAYS IN STOCK

## AT

## REASONABLE PRICES.

## ALL KINDS OF

## COALS

## SUPPLIED AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

## Hongkong, 1st January, 1889. [85]

## FOR SALE.

## AT WHOLESALE PRICES.

## SACCONES SHERRY; PORT, CLARETS.

## BURGUNDY COGS, CHAMPAGNES.

## BRANDIES, WHISKIES.

## "EMPIRE" ALE AND STOUT.

## MACHINERY, GAS ENGINES, "EMPIRE"

## LUBRICATORS